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It is well to keep in mind the fact that the Republican party will not be a party to the doctoring of roll calls or the theft of oredentials.

Quay's Confession of Defeat. The managers of the fight to overthrow popular government in Pennsylvania and to substitute one-man power are overplaying the game. Upon the surface it would appear to observers unacquainted with the arts of politics intended. At that time the court had that they have acquired the lead; but this improvision speedily vanishes before the obvious desperation of their tactics, a desperation clearly born of pending. fear and not inspired by the confidence of real strength.

On the day following the primaries in Philadelphia, wherein Senator Quay won, at the outside, only fifteen delegates, Walter Lyon, nominee of the Republican state convention of 1894 for lioutenana governic, Amos H. Mylin the nominee of that convention. for auditor general, Theodore L. Flood, permanent chairman of that convention and James W. Lasta, its nominee for secretary of internal affairs, united in sending to Hon. B. F. Gilkeson, chairman of the Republican state committee, a letter of which this is the essential part:

of the state committee is now not only ossible, but probable by the state conention." The readers of the Times have been told by the Times that the seven dele-

gates from Lackawanna county have attached their signatures to a resolution pledging their unconditional sup it stands within the privilege of the port to Governor Hastings and his administration until the last kamp burns make as loud claims as they see fit. out. Why, then, should the Times insult But it's another thing to back them up their intelligence and impugn the honwith delegates. esty of these delegates by such arrant

bombast as that just quoted? We are aware of the fact that our Philadelphia contemporary is notortously untrustworthy in its political predictions; yet duly allowing for its nataral proneness to err, we still cannot how it can expect its readers believe that Senator Quay to will have more than a minority in next Wednesday's convention. They have eyes to see, and pencils to figure.

"Boodle and intimidation!" shricks the hypocritical old Quay organ, nearly month after its local walloping; and an early incorporation. next Thursday it will be in luck if it can find breath to whine even that.

Justice Strong.

The recent death of this eminent

furist has let loose a flood of newspathe jobber, or middleman. Indeed, it per reminiscences, in which the circumseems to be well within the limits of probability that an early feature of fustances of his appointment to the bench have been variously set forth. ture commercial operations in almost One of the fairest statements of the all branches of trade will be the gradfacts that we have seen is made by ual disappearance of the middleman. the Chicago Times-Herald, which says: While in times past he undoubtedly "There was considerable scandal curserved a useful purpose, the general rent when Mr. Strong was appointed complaint, preferred at either end, that to the supreme bench, and, like all such he absorbs the bulk of the profits withtalk, was without any foundation. He out sharing the risks, added to the and Joseph P. Bradley were appointed largely increased modern facilities for to the bench at the same time by Presithe rapid distribution of goods from dent Grant, their names being sent to factories directly among the local the senate together without specifying wholesalers and retailers, renders it for which particular vacancy each was morally centain that he will have to go. What effect his disappearance will already decided the legal tender cases have upon consumers is problematical. adversely to the government, but other but for a time at least it ought to have cases involving the same point were the effect of cheapening prices. An apt

"When these appointments wer made a great outery was raised that the president was packing the court in the interests of those who desired to see the legal tender law sustained. An unimpassioned examination of the facts and circumstances will show that this charge cannot be sustained, but the fact that both Bradley and Strong sustained the legal tender law when the question came up a second time for hearing, and thus reversed the former decision of the court, gave popular

foundation for the charge. "In the final decision of the legal part: "The indications being that there will be contests in the Republican state conven-ion, to be held on the 2sth inst, for setais a the convention, and as you are a candi-date for charman of the state committee, we submit that it would be indelicate and improper for you to make up the roll of delegates, and thus yourself decide the contests in which you are interested; and we believe that a meeting of the state committee has been held since its appointment on May 23, 1894, who selected you as chairman, respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state convention on May 23, 1894, who selected you as chairman, respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state convention on May 23, 1894, who selected you as chairman, respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state convention on May 23, 1894, who selected you as chairman, respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state convention on May 23, 1894, who selected you as chairman, respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state convention on May 25, 1894, who selected you as chairman, respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state committee, to be tender cases Justice Strong delivered guise of an interview with Hon. John Stowart, president judge of the Frankmonts. The article is well worthy of attentive perusal by every man interested in clean politics.

A feature of Saturday's Tribune that will be read with interest comprises 6

rimaries, and re-inforces his original

ontention with new and striking argu-

Are Ready for the Test.

Relies on Fake Contests.

potent reasons why many persons are already predicting General Harrison's

FOR CHRISTIAN POLITICS. From the Times-Heraid. Mayor Swift's recent statement, that "there ought to be no need of a Civic Fed-"Thation in Chicago; the city ought to be need of a line of work being done by an-other organization, the National Citizen-ship League, wich had its birth in Chi-rago, and which has become national in the organization and influence. The exist-of its men and wagons upon our streets, and be the Civic Federation, the presence of its men and wagons upon our streets, inflicting the citizens of the Civic Federation upon official municipal methods, but it is also inflicting and the private citizens whose ci-streets and enforce our laws. The fact that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that it is necessary shows a very low state that the citizens in of Chicago is careless is to the importance of electing honean steps thave readily commanded the sup-steps that e readily commanded the sup-tion on their party ticke. Our eithers have to noted their shins at Under our glorious free institutions Philadelphia organs of Senator Quay to A convention of representatives of leading mecantile houses in Ohio, In-

The Disappearing filddleman.

NOVELTY diana and Michigan was held at Mansfield recently for the purpose of organizing a mutual purchasing syndicate, the object being to purchase large quantitles direct from the producers and

nation on their party ticket. Our citizens have toasted their shins at home or at the club, while the gang has un the caucus and primaries. This has been true in both the leading parties. What is true of Chicago is largely true of the whole country, for the same causes produce like effects in our legislatures, congress and the senate. The reproof for these things should not be laid alone at the door of the corrupt politician or boodler. He is greatly in the minority. If heads were counted, and buys the public virtue simply because it is for sale cheap, or steals it because the public is too lazy to prevent it. The blame rests clearly and unmistakably upon the so-called better class of citizens, who claim a hikr respect-ability, but whose apathy in public affairs is a leading cause of public corruption. Particularly is this true of the Christian men of this city and nation whose stand-ard of profession is so high that it should be impossible that their citizenship be either careless or corrupt. thus save for themselves the profits of the eastern jobber. The organization will be known as the National Wholesale Buyers' association. A regular corps of executive officers was selected and arrangements are being made for The foregoing is the substance of a dispatch noticed in a western paper. It suggests a line of co-operation wholly outside the scope of the various antitrust laws and yet to all appearances desirable to all concerned, if we except either careless or corrupt.

OUR either careless or corrupt. The National Christian Citizenship League is laboring to correct the preva-lent evils by going to the root of the mat-ter and combining the forces of righteous-ness against the forces of evil. It teaches a patriotism which is logal first to that righteousness which "exalteth a nation." It urges all honest men to the discharge of their citizenship duties at the caucus and primary, the "sources of power" in our government. It is organizing local leagues in all parts of this and other states, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The work of these auxiliary lengues is locally to pre-vent the nomination and election of cor-rupt officials, and to secure fidelity on the part of officers intrusted with the execu-tion of the laws. Co-operating in state and national matters, they are already doing effective work on legislation and in arousing public sentiment.

the effect of cheapening prices. An apt illustration of this may be cited in the case of the sewing machine, now cost-ing less than half its former cost, and mainly because competition has led to the sale of many machines at first hand from the place of manufacture. It will no doubt be the same way with bi-cycles, and it already is largely true of books, clothing and a great many other articles of common use. Of course, all this is rough on the middle-man; but at the same time, it's the life of trade. Some of the middlemen in the coal trade will do well to study the signs of the times. In Saturday's Tribune will appear a striking and timely contribution to the discussion of municipal reforms in the coult of the state through the church, but to make christian price be leave and church, but to make christian price and church, but to make christian price and church, but to make christian price be large efficiency in the func-tion and timely contribution to the discussion of municipal reforms in the contrast price ple is the state through the church, but to make christian price be state and church, but to make christian price is in the courd of the largue are overy-where received with enthus astic indorse-ment and cooperation. It is not an effort to combine state and church, but to make christian price be ruing motive in public

striking and timely contribution to the Christian principles instead of greed for gain or office the ruling motive in public affairs. discussion of municipal reforms, in the

LIFE AND SONG.

lin county courts. Judge Stewart, in If life were caught by a clarionet. And a wild heart, throbbing in the reed, Should thrill its for and trill its fret And utter its love in love's own deed; this interview, recalls attention to his much-discussed plan for the purification and popularization of the party

Then would this breathing clarionet. Type what I would that I might be, For none of the poets ever yet Has wholly lived his minstrelsy,

Or wholly surg his true, true thought Or utterly bodied forth his life, Or made what God made when He wrought

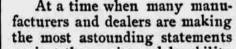
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respectfully request you to issue a call for a meeting of the state committee, to be held in the city of Harrisburg on Aug. 26, 1895. A prompt reply is carnestly desired." We contend that an analysis of this

etter, in the light of certain other facts, will convince any fair-minded man that Senator Quay in real truth, regards himself as beaten. Saying nothing of the self-stultification of the men who, having made Mr. Gilkeson chairman, now announce in effect, that their creation is unfit to exercise the customary duties of his office; we desire to call attention, first, to the fact that outside of Philadelphia there are only three contests as to delegatesone in Elk and two in Schuylkill-and secondly to the signed assertion of Senator Quay, made in a telegram to the editor of the Truth, of this chy, that he had a majority of the convention without needing a vote in Philadelphia. Now, if he has a majority regardless of Philadelphia and is conceded 14 or 15 votes in Philadelphia, why should he or his friends worry over the making up of the convention roll call? They could lose the three contests in the state-at-large and still, with their 14 or 15 superfluous Phila-

delphia delegates, remain away ahead next Wednesday.

Does any man suppose that if the Quay side had as many pledged delegates as the senator repeatedly says he has, or anywhere near as many, Republican paper not unfriendly to four of the men who last year picked Mr. Gilkeson out from among a score or more of eminent Republicans as the man heat fitted to direct the party or-

ganization, and who, when as a result of that direction the party last November colled up the largest plurality in its history, personally complimented him in terms of extravagant praise, would today strive to blacken their dwn handiwork by reflecting upon Chairman Gilkeson's honesty to no needful purpose of their own? The very idea is palpably absurd; so absurd as at once to give substance to the suspicion that the objective point in this unprecedented action is the forcible prostitution of the machinery of the party to a contemplated revolution of the party's will.

Quay, seeing that he is beaten, simply proposes to steal a victory. But we suspect that the manhood of the party will have a word to say about that.

Any query as to the course of the Scranton Republican is regarded as "impertinent" by that organ. It seems to think it is still the mouthpiece of a political Great I Am.

A Word to a False Prophet.

The Philadelphis Times evidently regards its readers as incking in common sense or else it induiges in irony when sense or else it indulges in irony when it says: "Upon more careful reflection we are inclined to the opinion that the Times was mistaken in giving Quay eight votes in Lackswamin and Lu-merne. Unless the fudicial candidates in that region shall easily the returns of the Philadelphis primaries while standing on their beads, Quay will have twice eight voted in those foonties in-

the questions raised before that tribunal with immense logical force. He was a great American, and his name is deserving of honor." in all its aspects.

The point is opportunely made by the As we expected, the morning Quay Philadelphia Bulletin in connection rgan flatly refuses to pledge itself to with its advocacy of short presidential toe the mark without whining in case campaigns that the recent contests in Quay is licked. Why, it isn't yet over which the people of Great Britain and the spanking it got three weeks ago! Ireland transferred their government from the Liberals to the Conservatives Bearing in mind that the Philadel-'did not occupy more than three weeks; phia Times claims a Quay majority of there, as here, the people are largely eighty, we feel doubly safe in re-assertprepared, through the continuous dising that Senator Quay is beaten. custions and agitation in the press for months, and even a year or two ahead COMMENT OF THE PRESS. of the actual opening of the contest, to pass prompit judgment on public men and party principles, and no one who is familiar with the modern facilities for conducting a canvass and taking the sense of the country can doubt that a presidential campaign in the United States could be as intelligently and promptly decided as the election of a British parliament."

As Viewed from Outside.

It is well sometimes to listen to what one's neighbors say about one. After quoting ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt's characterization of Matthew Stanley Quay as a "mighty slick coon," the New York Commercial-Advertiser, a Mr. Quay, adds, under the mistaken

impression that he has won his fight In this state: "The Pennsylvania senator, having routed his enemies, is now the undisputed master of Pennsylvania state politics. Quay's victory is of more than state importance. It means the death of Governor Hastings politically and the certainty that the Pennsylvania delegation to the national convention will be against Benjamin Harrison to a man. Quay is in a most enviable position. He can now make all the deals and dickers he may care to for patronage. The people of Pennsyl-

vania are under his thumb. He is indeed a 'mighty slick.coon.' " This unconsciously reveals one or two things that Senator Quay probably would not care to have disclosed

just yet. One is that, if successful, he will use the party machinery to kill off every man, including the governor, who has dared to exercise the constitutional prerogative of differing politically from the senator. The other is that part of Quay's programme is to keep a knife up his sleeve for all friends and admirers of the Indiana ex-president.

of whom, by the way, there are several hundred thousand in Pennsylvania. In view of the fact that General Harrison has given no sign of a desire to be renominated next year, it would obviously be unfair to him to introduce his name into the present state fight. But we may without breach of propriety hasard the opinion that if he should decide to permit the use of his name before the next national convention, General Harrison would not need to fear that Senator Quay or any other man could prevent a fair expression of man could prevent a fair expression party sentiment. The fact that

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careful review of the bridge question by Or lived and sung, that Life and Song Might each express the other's all, Carcless if life or art were long, Since both were one, to stand or fall; Select Councilman John E. Roche, who has thoroughly investigated the subject

So that the wonder struck the crowd, Who shouted it about the land: His song was only a living aloud-His work was a singing with his hand! -Sidney Lanier.

Blank Pages. "And who be they?" inquired little Johnny at the theater, in reference to

two young women in tights who fol-lowed the king. "They are pages," said Johnny's DADA.

"They ain't got nothing on 'em," replied Johnny after a moment's con-templation; "so they must be blank pages."-Boston Transcript.

He Was Not Guilty.

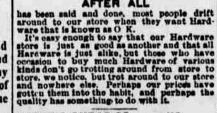
Judge (gravely)—The prosecutor swears that you hit him twice upon the nose. Have you any denial to make? Defendant (stouliy)—Yis, yer haner; Oi hit him but wanst upon th' nose. Th' sicond tolme Oi hit him where his nose hod bin—Judge.

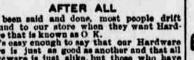




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Doesn't Haul Down Its Flag. Wilkes-Barrs Record: "The Record Gilkeson because it believed that the men elected by the people should govern this state, and not a party boss, who never came directly before the people in his life. We held from the beginning, and hold now, that no outside influence should come between the voters of this state and the regularly elected officials, and that any man who endeavored to make the gov-oris personal will deserved to be reputiated. We fought on that line to the best of our ability, and we shall continue to fight on that line until the last vote is polled in the state convention. We do not ask for quar-ter." Doesn't Haut Down Its Flag.

